

that side venture to grow into a family business, now entering into its third generation of management.

When the business was first founded, Burchett's operations mainly involved natural gas and furnace work. However, as Kentucky saw the coal industry abate, Burchett's Heating and Cooling adapted to include more geothermal work, as well as some light commercial work. Clearly, Rogell passed his sharp intuition for running a business along to his children and grandchildren, as this transition took place over multiple generations. Growing into what his father created, Neal Burchett took over the business when his father Rogell retired. Later on, Neal's son Ryan Burchett would also become part of the operation, serving as the management arm of this family-owned business. Together, these three generations of Burchett men have kept Paintsville warm during the cold Kentucky winters and cool in the summers, with the comfort of Paintsville citizens remaining their top priority.

With over 40 years of experience, Burchett's Heating and Cooling maintains close relationships with customers that count on them for quality, year after year. Of course, when the business stays in the family as it has with the Burchett men, it is easy to see how the community of Paintsville could place their trust in their services. That being said, Burchett's Heating and Cooling remains an active member of the Paintsville community outside of their normal business operations. Staying true to their family-owned nature, the business sponsors the local high school basketball and football teams, teams that both Neal and Ryan used to play for during their high school years. Burchett's Heating and Cooling also provides free services to their local church so that parishioners can worship comfortably.

Small businesses like Burchett's Heating and Cooling are the lifeblood of small towns across Kentucky, and they serve as an inspiring example of how the entrepreneurial spirit transcends multiple generations. Congratulations to Neal and Ryan and the entire Burchett's Heating and Cooling team. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL TYLER SMITH

● Mr. ROMNEY. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Utahn whose decades of uniformed service will soon conclude. BG Tyler Smith, currently assistant adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, will retire after 36 years of decorated service to Utah and the Nation.

Brigadier General Smith's military service began with his enlistment in the U.S. Army in 1986. Soon after, he deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm, earning liberation med-

als from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, respectively. Upon returning to Utah, he joined the National Guard, attended officer candidate school, and commissioned in the 1457th Engineer Battalion of the Engineer Branch, serving as a platoon leader and company commander. In 2008, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and earned the Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge for his efforts and outstanding leadership.

Given his depth of experience and impressive work ethic, the brigadier general earned multiple appointments throughout his career. He served as operations officer in the 115th Engineer Group, commander of the 85th Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team, and range control officer at Camp Williams, UT, where he was also deputy commander of the Utah Training Center before his appointment as garrison commander in 2014. Brigadier General Smith served as director of the Utah Army National Guard's Construction and Facilities Management Office before his appointment as assistant adjutant general.

In addition to the aforementioned awards, he also earned the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Bronze oakleaf clusters; Army Commendation Medal with 1 Bronze oakleaf cluster; Army Achievement Medal with 1 Bronze oakleaf cluster; Army Good Conduct Medal with 2 Bronze Loops; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 2 oakleaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star; Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass Device and M Device; Army Service Ribbon (ASR); Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 3; Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon; and the NATO Medal (ISAF).

His professional success is also matched by impressive educational accolades. Before his tenure as assistant professor of military science, ROTC, at Utah Valley University, he earned several degrees himself, including a master of public administration from Brigham Young University and a master of strategic studies from the Army War College.

BG Tyler Smith has demonstrated remarkable character as an exemplary public servant and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Thank you for your dedication to our great State of Utah and the United States of America. We wish you and your family all the best.●

TRIBUTE TO MEGAN NICK

● Mr. SANDERS. Madam President, I join with Vermonters across our State to give a huge congratulations to Megan Nick for her incredible achievement in winning a bronze medal at the

Winter Olympics in Beijing in women's aerials. Megan is an inspiration to so many Vermonters, and we are tremendously proud of her. Megan credits her parents, Jeff and Colleen Nick, for instilling in her the value of hard work, which certainly showed all throughout the 2022 Olympic Games.

Growing up in Shelburne, Megan was a competitive gymnast and spent more than 10 years training at the Green Mountain Training Center in Williston. The similarities between the two sports, along with her drive for perfection, drew Megan to skiing. Then ahead of her senior year at Champlain Valley Union High School, Megan was challenged to try aerial skiing and found a new passion. In talking about the transition to becoming an aerial skier, Megan gives credit to her gymnastics coach, Stefan Hruska, for teaching her the spatial awareness required to be successful in the sport.

While she learned key skills in the gym, it was at Cochran's Ski Area—a small, family-operated, nonprofit ski area in Richmond, VT, and home to another Beijing Olympian—that Megan learned to ski. That is what our small State is all about: communities coming together to help young people achieve their goals in a supportive, encouraging environment.

Like many Vermonters, Megan grew up loving the outdoors. As she said herself in a recent interview following her Olympic medal, her Vermont upbringing taught her “the importance of sustainability and the role that we can play in helping our environment while also being able to play in it,” something that she finds particularly important as an aerial skier.

This was Megan's first Olympic Games, and she took bronze in her first event. Megan showed everyone that with courage and hard work there is nothing you can't accomplish. I heartily applaud Megan for the positive impact she has had not only on Vermonters, but on young people all over the country who have a dream. Megan is an inspiration to us all and is a true testament of hard work leading to success.

Megan's level of commitment and accomplishments deserve all of our sincere admiration. Vermont is remarkably proud of Megan, and we know she is going to continue to be among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow—both on and off the slopes.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.